Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control Substitute for form 1449B/PTO Complete if Known INFORMATION DISCLOSURE **Application Number** 09/924,592 APR 0 6 2005 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT **Filing Date** 08/09/2001 Syuichi SEKINE First Named Inventor Date Submitted: April 6, 2005 2828 **Group Art Unit Examiner Name** M. Wimer (use as many sheets as necessary) Q4DEMARY 040301-0229 **Attorney Docket Number** 1 Sheet of

				U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*		U.S. Patent Document		M. A. S. A.	Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant
	Cite No.1	Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
<del> </del>						
			<del> </del>			

				F	OREIGN PATENT DOCUMEN	TS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Fore	eign Patent Do		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>®</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>3</sup> (if known)				
m	A1	JP	60-2163	36 A	Brandenstein	02/04/1985	(	ABS
mi	A2	JP	61-1454	12 U	•	01/28/1986		ABS
MI	A3	JP	63-1297		Igari	06/02/1988		ABS
IM	A4	JP	3-23412	26 A	Tsunekawa et al.	10/18/1991		ABS
nen	-A5	JP	4-11000			09/24/1992		ABS

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>6</sup>			
			-			
			-			
			<del> </del>			
			<del> </del>			

	State of the state	
Examiner Signature ////////////////////////////////////	Date Considered	8/11/2005

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

EXAMINER: United if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Unique citation designation number, 2See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 3Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). \*For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 
\*Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 
\*Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.